

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :  
Norihiko FUCHIGAMI et al. :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination.

Cancel claims 1-12.  
Add new claims 13-16.  
Amend the specification.